

Pendleton Woolen Mill to celebrate centennial

Events will include free concerts
and tours of mill and museum

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Free concerts, along with a "Kids & Kritters" parade and equestrian demonstrations, will be among the highlights of a celebration of the Pendleton Woolen Mills' 100 years in Washougal.

The historic occasion will be commemorated by Pendleton, the Two Rivers Heritage Museum and the City of Washougal.

The festivities will kick off Friday, at 10 a.m., at the Pendleton Mill, Two Pendleton Way. Presentations and remarks will be made by Charlie Bishop, vice president of mill operations, as well as Washougal Mayor Sean Guard.

The historic Pendleton bell — dating to 1863, at the mill in Brownsville, Ore. — will be wrung, and cake will be served after the ceremony. Complimentary tours of the Pendleton Woolen Mills will be available Friday, at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1:30 p.m.

The 300,000-square foot mill was originally called the Union Woolen Mills in 1912.

The Washougal mill is the company's second.

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The mill weaves wools, from its Sir Pendleton fabric to Umatilla fabric for men's shirts, as well as lightweight suit fabrics for women's apparel. Most of the company's menswear and women's wear fabrics are woven in the Washougal Mill. Blankets are

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